

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-11 and 14-18, and allowed claims 12 and 13 if rewritten to include all the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 12 and 13 depend on the independent claim 11.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-10, and 12-18 without prejudice, and have amended claim 11 to include limitations of claims 12 and 13 in alternative language. Therefore claim 11 is in an allowable form. Also, Applicants have added claim 19 which is a method claim corresponding to the processes and steps included in the apparatus claim 11. Therefore, no new matter has been added, and applicants believe claim 19 correspondingly is allowable.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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